## Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, February 2006



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

### **EOPS** Announcements

### Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Funding Guidelines Available by February 15, 2006

The Executive Office of Public Safety is administering this state-funded \$11 million gang prevention grant program for FY06. Funding guidelines will be posted on the EOPS website by February 15, 2006. Grant funds will support regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention. These multi-disciplinary approaches may include, but are not limited to, law enforcement approaches such as anti-gang task forces and targeting of enforcement resources through the use of crime mapping; focused prosecution efforts; and programs aimed at successful reintegration for ex-offenders.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eops

#### **Excellence Awards**

The Executive Office of Public Safety is inaugurating the Excellence in Public Safety Awards program to recognize public safety and criminal justice initiatives in the Commonwealth that demonstrate strong public benefit. Any municipal government agency, state government agency, or non-profit organization in Massachusetts is eligible to receive recognition through this program. No grant funds will be awarded. This is solely a recognition program.

EOPS is interested in recognizing initiatives from as many components as possible of the complex criminal justice enterprise. Criminal justice and public safety system elements that we seek to recognize include but are not limited to the following: Offender Management, Court-based Programs, Prosecution, Technology Applications for Improved Criminal Justice, Applications of Research and Data Analysis, Innovative Law Enforcement Approaches, Victim-Centered Programs and Approaches, Crime and Violence Prevention Programs, and Public Safety Programs Addressing Serious Violent Crime, Management Reforms, Preparedness, or Regionalism. Award application and instructions are at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/eops.applications">www.mass.gov/eops.applications</a> must be received no later than February 24, 2006. Awards are anticipated to be announced in the spring of 2006.

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## Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Mini-Grant Initiative Funding Guidelines Available after February 10, 2006

The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division will begin accepting concept papers for potential funding under the mini-grant initiative for the federal Fiscal Year 2005 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program. Under the mini-grant process, state, local, and private non-profit agencies are eligible to make an abbreviated presentation of their ideas to compete for grants, ranging from \$15,000 to \$35,000, to implement low to moderate cost, short term (1 year or less) projects. Instructions for the Byrne JAG mini-grant initiative will be posted on the EOPS website after February 10, 2006.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding click on Law Enforcement Grant Programs

#### **Review of the Federal Byrne JAG Program Application**

The Executive Office of Public Safety is pleased to announce that the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program Application is available for review and comment before EOPS submits it to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. EOPS is **not** accepting applications for FY06 Byrne JAG funding at this time. Information regarding Byrne JAG funding opportunities for state, local, and private agencies will be posted on the EOPS website at a later date. The FY06 Byrne JAG Application can be viewed at <a href="https://www.mass.gov/eopsfundingopportunities">www.mass.gov/eopsfundingopportunities</a>; click on Law Enforcement Grant Programs. Written comments or questions regarding the EOPS FY06 Byrne JAG application may be submitted to Lynn Wright, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement, at <a href="mailto:lynn.wright@state.ma.us">lynn.wright@state.ma.us</a> by March 1, 2006.

### Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Homeland Security Division invites your municipality to take part in the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program. The HDER program is designed to place surplus federal radiation detection equipment in the hands of emergency responder agencies and to provide training on the equipment to designated personnel at no cost. For more information contact Chris Beaurpere at (617) 725-3327.

## **Funding Opportunities**

#### **Public Safety Interventions**

#### **Application Deadline: February 15, 2006**

"The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals to conduct process and outcome evaluations to improve public safety interventions at the local level. Effective law enforcement and crime prevention programs are critical to ensuring the safety of communities throughout the country. With the limited resources of many police departments, local agencies, and other groups, it is especially important to determine the effectiveness of public safety interventions." For more Information: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000738.pdf

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## <u>Training Grants to Stop Abuse and Sexual Assault Against Older Individuals or Individuals with</u> Disabilities

### **Application Deadline: February 16, 2006**

"In FY 2006, The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) will fund 8 to 10 projects to focus on addressing elder abuse, neglect and exploitation in their communities. In FY 2007, OVW will expand the Program's focus to address violence against individuals with disabilities. Projects funded through the Training Grants Program will provide training to law enforcement, prosecutors and the judiciary to create a multidisciplinary approach to addressing elder abuse within the criminal justice system in their communities."

For more Information: http://www.usdoj.gov/ovw/ovwfy2006stopabuse.pdf

# **2007** National Crime Victims' Rights Week Resource Guide Discretionary Grant Application Deadline: February 23, 2006

"The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will fund one grantee to conceptualize, develop, and produce a user-friendly Resource Guide for use by victim service providers, victim advocates, allied professionals, and the general public, during the 2007 National Crime Vicitms Rights Week and throughout the year. One cooperative agreement in the amount of \$200,000 will be awarded to either a private, nonprofit organization, including faith- and community-based organizations, or a public agency, to produce the comprehensive kit for the victims' field. The kit will serve as a resource guide for the victims' field in their efforts to heighten the public's awareness of crime victim issues nationwide."

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdftxt/2007NCVRWApplKit.pdf

### **Outcome Evaluations of Violence Prevention Programs**

**Application Deadline: February 24, 2006** 

"The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals to conduct systematic and comprehensive evaluations of promising programs with the objective of expanding the list of effective interventions to prevent violence to and by youth. In selecting proposals for funding under this solicitation, priority will be given to evaluations of promising programs and strategies that represent comprehensive or integrated models of intervention, especially those that target very young children." For more information: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000732.pdf

## Amber Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program Application Deadline: February 28, 2006

"The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks to continue the training, technical assistance, evaluation, and program management effort for the AMBER Alert Initiative. The winning applicant of this solicitation and resulting cooperative agreement will design, develop, implement, and sustain a coordinated and comprehensive national program of training and technical assistance under OJJDP guidance. Training agendas and materials should reflect the emerging needs of the field and be planned in conjunction with representatives of state and regional AMBER teams and representatives of other relevant disciplines."

For more information: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/ambertta2006.pdf

#### **Internet Crimes Against Children Training and Technical Assistance Program Application Deadline: February 28, 2006**

"The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) seeks to continue the training, technical assistance, evaluation, and program management effort for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Training and Technical Assistance Program. The ICAC program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to the online exploitation of children and the trafficking of child pornography. The program was created to focus a coordinated response upon this problem, bringing together the investigative and forensic resources of multiple agencies to better protect children. Under the resulting cooperative agreement, the winning applicant of this solicitation will establish a program to manage and deliver training and technical assistance on a national basis. This includes designing, developing, and implementing a coordinated and comprehensive training and technical assistance program and sustaining it under guidance from OJJDP."

For more information: http://ojidp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/icactta2006.pdf

### FY2006 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: Local Solicitation **Application Deadline: March 2, 2006**

"This solicitation is only for applicants who are eligible to apply for and receive *direct* awards from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and are listed as eligible applicants on the BJA website. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG funds can be used for technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice in any one or more of the following purpose areas: law enforcement programs, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs, corrections and community corrections programs, drug treatment programs, planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. For JAG program purposes, a unit of local government is: a town; township; village; parish; city; county; or other general purpose political subdivision of a state; or a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Alaskan Native organization that performs law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior."

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html

#### **Evaluation of Technologies**

#### **Application Deadline: March 7, 2006**

"The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) seeks evaluations of technologies designed to increase the effectiveness of State and local law enforcement, corrections, and other criminal justice agencies. NIJ is interested in evaluations that measure how technologies improve criminal justice policy and practice. Outcome evaluations must include well-defined, measurable indicators of success. NIJ prefers proposals that focus on the impact of technologies on crime reduction. Additional outcome measures may include faster identification and apprehension of criminal suspects; reductions in criminal opportunities, technical probation violations and revocations, and crime and violence in school settings; increased problem-solving capabilities; and fewer injuries to officers, suspects, and bystanders."

For more information: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000740.pdf

## Research on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Application Deadline: March 21, 2006

"The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requesting proposals to study the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in the United States. The commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) describes a constellation of crimes of a sexual nature committed against youthful victims (younger than 18 years old) primarily or entirely for financial or other economic reasons. These crimes include, for example, trafficking for sexual purposes, prostitution, sex tourism, mail-order-bride trade and early marriage, pornography, stripping, and sexual performances. While increased attention to this issue in recent years has led juvenile justice officials to develop a number of prevention and intervention programs aimed at exploited youth in the United States and elsewhere, these strategies have not been evaluated to determine their effectiveness. Investigators may propose studies to address the research question(s) they feel are either most pressing or most likely to provide useful information to the practice and policy communities."

For more information: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/csecresearch2006.pdf

## **Building Community Capacity to Reduce the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth**

#### **Application Deadline: March 21, 2006**

"The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requesting proposals to expand community capacity to address the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth (CSEC) in the United States through training and technical assistance for professionals who work with children and youth at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. The successful applicant will plan and deliver training and technical assistance to five-to-seven sites that the applicant will identify (and OJJDP will ratify) as high-need areas. The sites may be cities, metropolitan areas, single states, or multi-state regions. The training and technical assistance will focus on improving community capacity to recognize exploited youth and youth at risk for exploitation, intervene appropriately with and compassionately serve victims, and effectively investigate and prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth."

For more information: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/csectta2006.pdf

## **Research and Publications**

#### Report of the 2004 Boston Youth Survey

#### The Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center

This Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center report is based on information gathered from a representative sample of 9th-12th graders from Boston Public Schools. The survey evaluated youth's exposure to and involvement in aggressive and violent behavior, involvement in school and extracurricular activities, knowledge about and use of school- and community-based resources, contact with and trust in adults, nutrition and level of physical activity, emotional well-being, and health status. Access full text at: http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hyvpc/bostonyouthsurvey.html

#### **Small and Rural Police Agencies**

#### **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**

This COPS guide provides strategies, best practices, recommendations, and ideas for successful IT planning and implementation. This guide is organized in four sections: preliminary project planning, creating a project plan, acquiring the technology, and implementing and maintaining the technology. This is meant to serve as a guideline for all IT projects that agencies may undertake. Access full text at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1619

# <u>Cities Without Drugs: The "Major Cities" Guide to Reducing Substance Abuse in Your Community</u>

### Office of National Drug Control Policy

This recently released publication is a resource for cities working to develop anti-drug strategies to combat illegal drugs in their city. It includes a national plan for local solutions, a blueprint for action, work strategies, and available resources. Checklists and templates are also included to help in the development of a citywide strategy.

Access full text at: http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/cities\_wo\_drgs/cities\_wo\_drgs.pdf

#### **Evaluating the Effectiveness of Supermax Prisons**

#### **The Urban Institute**

The Urban Institute, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, conducted a study to assess the effectiveness of Supermax prisons. The following sources of information were used: a comprehensive review of correctional agency and legislative documents and theoretical and evaluation research on supermax prisons; interviews with legislators, corrections officials, wardens, and corrections officers; site visits to three states; and a national survey of state prison wardens.

Access full text at: http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/211971.pdf

## Report of the National Task Force on the Commercial Sale of Criminal Justice Record Information

#### SEARCH, The National Consortium for Criminal Justice Information and Statistics

This report took a comprehensive look at the role that commercial background screening companies play in the collection, maintenance, sale, and dissemination of criminal history record information for employment screening and other important risk management purposes. A Task Force was created to analyze and debate key public policy issues and their recommendations are also included in this report. Access full text at: http://www.search.org/files/pdf/RNTFCSCJRI.pdf

## <u>Supervision and Intervention within Early Intervention Systems: A Guide for Law Enforcement Chief Executives</u>

#### **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services**

This report provides practical advice on many aspects of Early Intervention Systems (EIS) including: defining the role of the first-line supervisor, structuring the intervention process for officers who have reached a threshold within the system, identifying ways to provide the various programs and services that supplement and reinforce EIS, and creating a broader culture of accountability in law enforcement agencies. Key recommendations for developing, implementing, and maintaining an early intervention system are discussed.

Access full text at: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/print.asp?Item=1634

## **Conferences and Trainings**

#### **Drug-Free Communities Support Program**

February 17, 2006 in Washington, DC

February 24, 2006 in Oakland, CA

March 1, 2006 in Houston, TX

March 3, 2006 in Detroit, MI

The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Program is offering a series of regional workshops for community coalitions that are interested in learning how to apply for a DFC grant. The Grant Funding Announcement will be available before February 16th. These workshops will provide detailed information about the application process and the specific requirements for completing the FY 2006 DFC grant funding application. These workshops have no registration fee and all potential grantees are welcome to attend.

For further information: http://drugfreecommunities.samhsa.gov/

# The Sixth Annual Campbell Collaboration Colloquium: Producing Systematic Reviews of Evidence

#### February 22–24, 2006 in Los Angeles, CA

Sponsored in part by the National Institute of Justice, this 3-day event presents an opportunity for policymakers, researchers, and consumers to collaborate on the production and dissemination of evidence based research. This training will discuss how systematic reviews of evidence in crime and justice, education, and social welfare can affect interventions and decision making. For further information: http://www.campbellcolloquium.org/

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#### <u>American Correctional Association 2006 Winter Conference</u> February 28- March 1, 2006 in Nashville, TN

Join thousands of corrections professionals in Nashville, Tennessee for the American Correctional Association's 2006 Winter Conference. Session topics include: innovative approaches to sex offender supervision, teaching ethics to inmates, geographic information systems (GIS), applications for corrections, contracting for performance based measures for cost efficiency, implementing an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system, consular notification and access for jails and prisons, self management and recovery training (SMART) using cognitive behavior therapy, improving your professionalism through certification, understanding suicide prevention in correctional settings, and Methamphetamine use and abuse in corrections.

For further information: http://www.aca.org

### <u>Investing in Quality: The Philosophy and Practice of Assessment in Criminal Justice</u> February 28- March 4, 2006 in Baltimore, MD

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Annual Conference sessions will cover topics such as policing, drugs and crime, technology and crime, offender behavior, crime victims, ethics, juvenile justice, terrorism and transnational crime, challenges in the criminal justice system and theoretical issues.

For further information: http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167\_668\_2915.cfm

## <u>Effective Decision Making for a Safer America: Symposium on Justice and Public Safety Information Sharing</u>

### March 13-15, 2006 in Washington, DC

SEARCH, The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, present the opportunity to learn from the experts, interact with peers, and take home the latest ideas, tools and techniques on information sharing for the justice, public safety and homeland security communities. Sessions topics fall into the following categories: planning, analysis, implementation, and technology.

For further information: http://www.search.org/conferences/2006symposium/agenda/

## Mental Health Response to Mass Violence and Terrorism March 21-23, 2006 in Houston, TX

This training, sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), teaches mental health providers, crime victim assistance professionals, faith-based counselors, chaplains, and others in direct contact with victims what they need to know to provide appropriate mental health support following incidents of criminal mass victimization. Sessions fall into the following categories: human responses to mass violence and terrorism; mental health intervention; organizational response to mass violence and terrorism and the mental health role; and stress prevention, management, and intervention.

For further information: http://www.ovcttac.org/calendar/events.cfm?EventType=OVCTraining&Fuse Action=ShowEvent&StartDate=03/21/2006&EventCity=Houston

### **National Trends in Adolescent Violence Prevention**

**Registration Deadline March 8, 2006** 

March 22, 2006 in Topsfield, MA

This conference, sponsored by the Office of the Essex County District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett, is a practical, one-day training that will help you develop comprehensive knowledge on adolescent violence prevention strategies and the effects of media violence on children. Registration fee: \$30. For further information: http://www.mass.gov/da/essex/conference/2006sch.htm

#### 33rd National Conference on Juvenile Justice

#### March 26-29, 2006 in Denver, CO

The 33<sup>rd</sup> National Juvenile Justice Conference is presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National District Attorney's Association. Conference registration is open to all Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Counsel, Police, Juvenile Officers, Probation Officers, Correction Workers, Aftercare Workers, Detention Workers, Victims Service Workers, School Administrators, Teachers, Child Welfare Personnel, Planners, Legislators, PTA and Community Resource Groups, School Boards, Social Workers, Private Service Providers, Guardians ad Litem, and all other interested groups and persons. Session topics include: performance measures for the juvenile justice system, ethics, school violence prevention, information sharing strategies, parental responsibility, and mentoring at-risk youth.

For further information: http://www.ncjfcj.org/images/stories/dept/cp/pdf/jj06%20 brochure%20for%20web.pdf

### In The News

## To All Persons Who Purchased a PACA or Point Blank Bullet-Resistant Vest Containing Zylon®, Including Galls Branded Vests Containing Zylon®

"On December 12, 2005, a settlement was reached and preliminary approved in a class action lawsuit pending in the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County, Florida relating to bullet-resistant vests manufactured by Point Blank Body Armor, Inc. ("Point Blank") and Protective Apparel Corporation of America, Inc. ("PACA") that contain Zylon®, including Galls branded vests containing Zylon®. The vests were sold by PACA, Point Blank, Galls and their distributors to state and local law enforcement agencies and others, and include the following popular models: Fusion, Legacy, Galls ZL1, Galls ZL2, Galls ZL3, The Beast, RTZ, ZG, ZPG, ZGS-2, Z3-2, WF-1002, S.P.I.D.E.R., SWAT Cert Plus, MRV Plus SWAT, M-2001, M-95, SVII, Wilson and Contact. The Settlement enables Class members to obtain new non-Zylon® replacement panels and other substantial benefits at no cost. Please read the attached documents (notice and claim form) and follow the instructions in each document. Contact the Claims Administrator at (866) 778-1150 with any questions."

### **Homicide Spike Ranks High for Cities Boston's Size**

### Boston Globe, January 9, 2006

According to a Boston Globe review, Boston's homicide count last year hit a 10-year high which was one of the biggest jumps for a city of its size. Although there was a dramatic increase in homicides, Boston's homicide rate falls in the middle of cities with estimated populations between 500,000 and 700,000.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/01/09/homicide spike ranks high for cities bostons size/

#### Police to Unveil CSI-Style Unit for Evidence

#### Boston Globe, January 22, 2006

A new Boston police crime scene investigation unit has completed training in state-of-the-art evidence collection techniques. The training has produced a more flexible unit that is cross-trained in a variety of evidence collection techniques ranging from photographing bodies to analyzing ballistics.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/01/22/police\_to\_unveil\_csi\_style\_unit\_for\_evidence/

#### Cops Say Beef up Bail to Close Revolving Door

#### Boston Herald, January 23, 2006

According to the Boston Herald, cases where offenders are locked up multiple times in a short period of time have prompted Mayor Menino to insist on changing the law to give judges more power to set tougher bail conditions and give felons the maximum sentence for their third offense. The issue of the justice system releasing repeat offenders back to the streets despite serious charges is not new but has recently become a focus.

Access full text at: http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=122530

## Youth Group Aims to Flush Fear Out of Parks Across City Boston Globe, January 31, 2006

The youth group Showdown Youth Development Organization recently expanded a program which creates violence-free zones around the city of Boson. The program aims to make parks peaceful settings for families and children, offering sports and mentoring to city youth. The idea is to fill parks with families and children and keep criminals away by letting people know their neighbors are watching the areas closely.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2006/01/31/youth\_group\_aims\_to\_flush\_fear\_out\_of\_parks\_across\_city/

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